
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF
TELRITE CORPORATION d/b/a LIFE
WIRELESS' PETITION FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF
PROVIDING LIFELINE SERVICE TO
QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS**

**Docket No. TC25-002
STIPULATION**

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This Stipulation is hereby made and agreed to by and between South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) and Telrite Corporation (Telrite). Telrite and SDTA are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”. The Parties request the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to incorporate this Stipulation into any Order entered in this Docket that grants Telrite ETC designation.

RECITALS

1. Telrite does not currently provide Lifeline service in South Dakota.
2. Telrite seeks Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) designation for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline service to qualifying customers in South Dakota.
3. In its application, filed with the Commission on March 14, 2025, Telrite requested ETC designation throughout the state of South Dakota. This Stipulation is intended to modify Telrite’s requested ETC designation, limiting it to non-rural areas.
4. Rural ILECs, many who are members of SDTA, have coverage throughout the rural areas of South Dakota and offer Lifeline services. SDTA member companies are listed on the SDTA website at: <https://sdtaonline.com/>.

AGREEMENT

1. The Parties agree any ETC designation to result from this docket shall be limited to South Dakota Qwest Corporation-SD (Holding Company: Lumen Technologies, Inc.) study areas as updated and kept by the FCC at:
<https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/study-area-boundaries/>
2. Attached Exhibit A lists Zip Codes that fall within the Qwest Corporation study areas. However, Zip Code boundaries do not necessarily align with study areas and are only intended as a guide. It is Telrite's responsibility to assure they do not extend service into rural study areas.
3. The Parties agree any ETC designation to result from this docket shall not extend into any rural study area served by an SDTA member company.
4. SDTA will not object to Telrite's request for ETC designation if the ETC service area is restricted to non-rural areas according to this Stipulation.

Agreed and stipulated to this 12 day of March, 2026.



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